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#### GLOWBUGS Digest 188

Topics covered in this issue include:

- 1) What books got you started?  
by mjsilva@ix.netcom.com (michael silva)
- 2) Re: What books got you started?  
by "Robert J. Hurle" <hurle@ix.netcom.com>
- 3) re: What books got you started?  
by DDoonan@vines.etn.com
- 4) Re: What books got you started?  
by rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu
- 5) Re: What books got you started?  
by kilgore@dev.tivoli.com (Jeff Kilgore)
- 6) Re: BA/GB Net  
by rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu
- 7) Re: What books got you started?  
by "Gable, Edward M" <emg@rfpo2.rfc.comm.harris.com>
- 8) Re: What books got you started?  
by Roy Morgan <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>
- 9) The books that got me started  
by Jeff Duntemann <jeffd@coriolis.com>
- 10) Boatanchor Model-T Furr'd Kit Funzies  
by owens@stout.atd.ucar.edu (Chip Owens)
- 11) Starter Books  
by Conard Murray <cfm@tntech.edu>
- 12) Heath Catalog & starter books  
by glueck@austin.ibm.com (Glueck)

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Date: Mon, 13 May 1996 22:23:32 -0700  
From: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com (michael silva)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <199605140523.WAA24670@dfw-ix4.ix.netcom.com>

Hi gang,

Besides old radio stuff I really enjoy old (aka tube) radio books, due no doubt to the enjoyment I got reading them as a kid. One of the books I got way back then was "Electronics Made Simple" by Jacobowitz. I still remember my complete fascination as his explanation of a tickler feedback oscillator sunk in. After that was "Getting Started in Amateur Radio." Boy did I want that 25-watt transmitter -- went to bed for many nights reading that book. Got my first handbook soon after, the 1967 edition. As a boggle-eyed 12-year-old I poured over that one for months. Luckily the first book somehow survived and I've found copies of the other two.

So, what were the books that you couldn't put down?

73,  
Mike, KK6GM

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 08:14:29 -0400  
From: "Robert J. Hurle" <hurle@ix.netcom.com>  
To: mjsilva@ix.netcom.com  
Subject: Re: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <31987925.4A66@ix.netcom.com>

michael silva wrote:

> So, what were the books that you couldn't put down?  
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Try Elements of Radio by William and Abraham Marcus.

Its what gave a lousy math student the impetus to learn the times tables. Hi.

If anyone has an extra 2nd edition of this Id be interested. Willing to trade a first edition.

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Date:            14 MAY 96 07:34:14 EDT  
From: DDoonan@vines.etn.com  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: re: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <0000gkecigcm.0000cusgysyw@vines.etn.com>

Interesting topic.

For me, it was my Dad's copy of the 1963 Allied Radio / Knight Kits catalog. I was starting as an SWL with the old floor model family radio. I drooled over the Knight Kit radios for month. That Christmas I received the 1964 Radio Amateur's Handbook and Hints and Kinks. I just about wore out those two books. They now reside in the shack on my "vintage gear" desk.  
73 de Dennis, KG9DO  
ddoonan@vines.etn.com  
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Original Text

>From C=US/A=INTERNET/DDA=ID/mjsilva(a)ix.netcom.com, on 5/14/96 12:37 AM:  
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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 10:41:15 -0400 (EDT)  
From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu  
To: DDoonan@vines.etn.com  
Cc: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu (), glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <9605141441.AA108457@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>

A very interesting topic. It is the twistes de fates that steers us.....

My first book was a coverless, extremely dog-eared, 1941 Radio Amateur Handbook. I picked it up as a pre-ham SWL in the barracks back in the dark days. I used to read it from cover to cover as a GI, while sitting on the crapper, for lack of better things to do. It really fired my imagination and caused me to think about BA style radio and the delights of Glowbugging your way to fun and fortune. I still have that book sitting on the shelf, and still drag it down, every now and again for a refresher tour back into dejavu land. As a pocket-pencil-protector, white-shirted-with-tie, brown-softside-satchel-carrying 10-yr-old geek kid (yeah, I know, it were a burden on me psyche.....(:+}}.....)  
I used to read all of Morgan's classic Boy's Xth Book of Radio or Electronics, and try to build all the various xtal sets therein described. But, it were that 1941 dog-eared handbook that made me what's me is today!

73/ZUT DE NA4G/Bob

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Date: Tue, 14 May 96 09:19:01 CDT  
From: kilgore@dev.tivoli.com (Jeff Kilgore)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <9605141419.AA24454@wichita.tivoli.com>

I got interested in ham radio when the postman misdelivered the neighbor's Heathkit catalog (1970) to our house. I saw it when I came home from school and began casually leafing through it. When I saw the ham radio equipment, I was awestruck. I had never heard of ham radio before, but I realized you could talk all over the world with this stuff. I mentioned it to my dad that evening and he disappeared into the attic for a while, then came back with some old ham radio books. Turns out that he had been studying for his license back in 1958, but then I was born and he never got around to getting his ticket.

I especially liked the 1958 edition of "How to Become a Radio Amateur," and I really liked the two-tube regenerative receiver described there. I still have all of my old radio books, but alas, I have no Heathkit catalogs left from those days. Sure wish I did. Incidentally, does anyone recall if Heathkit packed a catalog in their kits back then? I do have an unopened Heathkit IT-18 transistor checker kit, and if I knew there was a catalog in there, I would probably open it. Not build it, mind you, but I would sure like to look at an old Heathkit catalog.

73,  
Jeff Kilgore, KC1MK

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 10:50:43 -0400 (EDT)  
From: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu  
To: jherman@hawaii.edu (Jeffrey Herman)  
Cc: rdkeys@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu (), glowbugs@theporch.com,  
Subject: Re: BA/GB Net  
Message-ID: <9605141450.AA108495@csemail.cropsci.ncsu.edu>

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> Hi Bob, could you pass the complete BA/GB net schedule to me (times  
> and frequencies).  
>  
> Thanks and 73,  
> Jeff KH2PZ  
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OK...

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Generic BA/GB NET INFO:  
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QTR 0000/0100 UTC QRG 7051

QTR 0200/0300/0400/0500/0600 UTC QRG 3579R545

Calling sequence: CQ BA CQ BA DE yourcall yourcall K

Call from on the hour to about 5 or 10 minutes after the hour.

The ``net'' or ``roundtable'' is informal (highly) and open to all at any QRQ. If you don't hear anyone at a particular QTR, all again on the next hour.

If NA4G is not there, by all means, go ahead anyway.....(:+}}.....  
Grapples ye up yer tin cans atop yer noggins' and readyes ye yer  
keys at the fore.....

73/ZUT DE NA4G/Bob UP

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Date: Tue, 14 May 96 11:06:00 DST  
From: "Gable, Edward M" <emg@rfpo2.rfc.comm.harris.com>  
To: glowbugs <glowbugs@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <3198A1EA@smtpgate.rfc.comm.harris.com>

The books that got me to reading were the original Tom  
Switft series. Oh the memories; Ned Newton, Eradicate  
and Boomerang, Mary Nester. I read and still have them  
all, the whole series. It was the Morgan books "The Boy's  
First book of ...." that really got me past listening to the old  
Silvertone floor model radio. That crystal radio with 100  
turns of wire on a heated and waxed 2x2 as a tuner was my  
first home brew radio. Cheated with a 1N34A detector, tho.  
A book I still use today is a very dogged looking, brown  
covered Allied Electronics Data Handbook, 1966. I bet  
most of us have one of those around. 73,  
Ed K2MP/WPE2JR <emg@rfc.comm.harris.comm>

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 11:33:05 -0400  
From: Roy Morgan <morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Re: What books got you started?  
Message-ID: <9605141533.AA14091@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov>

At 12:27 AM 5/14/96 -0500, you wrote:

>Hi gang,

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>no doubt to the enjoyment I got reading them as a kid.

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>So, what were the books that you couldn't put down?

My copy of the 1959 Handbook is so tattered that I have made an archival book storage sleeve for it. It was the first book I had as far as I know, and others followed it.

-- Roy Morgan/Building 820, Room 562/Gaithersburg MD 20899  
(National Institute of Standards and Technology, formerly NBS)  
301-975-3254 Fax: 301-948-6213 morgan@speckle.ncsl.nist.gov --

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 09:23:49 GMT  
From: Jeff Duntemann <jeffd@coriolis.com>  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: The books that got me started  
Message-ID: <199605140923.JAA08299@ns1.indirect.com>

Like a lot of other people, I started by taking Alfred Morgan books out of the library:

The Boy Electrician  
The Boy's 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Books of Radio and Electronics

Another one was Using Electronics, by Harry Zarchy, which had a lot of simple crystal, regen, and 1-transistor sets. All of these were suitable for an 11-year-old. I took other books out of the library but they were a little deep for me at the time; our library had several Abe Marcus books, including Radio Projects, from which I built a couple of things, and learned that certain radio parts (like line cord resistors) were history even as far back as 1963.

I tried to get into the 1964 ARRL Handbook, but its complexity scared me, and our library unaccountably had no other ARRL books.

One thing no one else has mentioned that helped me a LOT was the pile of Popular Electronics mags that my best friend Art Krumrey got from his Uncle George. I built quite a few of their projects, and had more success because they used contemporary parts I could order from Allied. My granny gave me a subscription to Electronics Illustrated in 1965 and that was wonderful, too.

Over the past five or six years I've managed to gather almost all of this material into my library, with the exception of Marcus's Radio Projects and the Boy's Third Book of Radio and Electronics. I have almost all QSTs back to WWII and cubic yards of other ham and electronics mags. (Including the very first Popular Electronics from 1954.) Now all I need is time to do the projects I couldn't afford to do back in the Sixties...

--73--

--Jeff Duntemann KG7JF  
Scottsdale, Arizona

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 10:20:29 -0600 (MDT)  
From: owens@stout.atd.ucar.edu (Chip Owens)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Cc: owens@stout.atd.ucar.edu (Chip Owens)  
Subject: Boatanchor Model-T Furrd Kit Funzies  
Message-ID: <199605141620.KAA06307@atd.atd.ucar.EDU>

Hi Gang,

Last night our commercial AC power dropped out for several hours.  
It made think again about a home-brew transmitter that not only is  
reliable, but would also operate "off the grid".

Battery power for the filaments and a dynamotor or old mobile power  
supply for the B+ would make sense. This would dictate appropriate  
tubes such as the 12A6, 1625, and 6883 types for 12v operation.

24volt battery banks could feed series stringed 1625's and/or the 6159  
as well as that military surplus dynamotor.

This sort of rig would also make a handy Field-Day transmitter or a generic  
mobile/portable rig for the firebottle lovers out there.

Just a few thoughts that came after being without power for a few hours...

Chip Owens, NW00

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 11:36:54 +0800  
From: Conard Murray <cfm@tntech.edu>  
To: Multiple recipients of list <glowbugs@theporch.com>  
Subject: Starter Books  
Message-ID: <01I4P0M1SRZ69FNQG4@tntech.edu>

-- [ From: Conard Murray \* EMC.Ver #2.5.02 ] --

Hello all,  
The biggie for me was a 1958 Handbook I discovered in the junior high  
library. I remember looking at the ads in the back and dreaming of what I  
could hear with those fancy inhalers. There was also a license manual there



from 1960-something (this was 1975) that promised me the 2m voice band as a novice! After earning my ticket and joining the local ham club I proposed a motion (which passed) that new licensing material be purchased for the school libraries!

73/ZUT

de Conard ws4s

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Date: Tue, 14 May 1996 16:38:18 -0500 (CDT)  
From: glueck@austin.ibm.com (Glueck)  
To: glowbugs@theporch.com  
Subject: Heath Catalog & starter books  
Message-ID: <9605142138.AA06078@hglueck.austin.ibm.com>

TO ALL:

First, a comment based on what I remember about Heath catalogs:

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> Incidentally, does  
> anyone recall if Heathkit packed a catalog in their kits back then?  
> I do have an unopened Heathkit IT-18 transistor checker kit, and if  
> I knew there was a catalog in there, I would probably open it.

> Jeff Kilgore, KC1MK  
snip

I don't think Heath Co. packed catalogs as a regular thing into each kit box. I only remember getting a catalog INSIDE the overpack when I ordered a couple of kits at a time. Seems like I ordered a DX-40 and VF-1 together for some kind of "deal" (deal might not have been \$\$ reduction/special from Heath, but instead offer to pay for both by my parents; I can't really remember back to 1959). As a novice, I knew I could not use the VFO but I did want to get it so I could have it "ready" to assemble when I passed my General exam, which I did sometime less than a year later.

As far as books/magazines: I had to rely on the local newstands in the small town of Waller, Tx for material. Additionally, the 1-2 hams in town and several hams in neighboring towns could be counted on for loan of particular books like Radio Amateur's Handbooks. I think I was given an old coverless copy from before WW II at some point and eventually received a NEW copy in May 1962 as a high-school graduation present from my uncle, W5GHK who also provided me with license manuals as needed.

Most interesting magazines were Radio-Electronics-type magazines and Popular Electronics magazine itself. Somehow I got a bunch of copies of Radio TV

News that were pretty faded but fascinating. And then there was always the periodic HEATH catalog that you HAD to look through; cover to cover, and within a day or so after you got it! I always wanted a DX-100, but never got around to it... with college cost being predominate calling on \$\$ and time, etc. GOOD MEMORIES!!

73,

SKIP / K5ZUA (Howard Glueck; glueck@austin.ibm.com)

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